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                    Plaintiff,
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My understanding is Mr. Stein, Michael Stein, is here

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1 in court. He's an attorney that apparently I believe 2 represents one of the victims or some of the witnesses. Ιs 3 that right, Mr. Stein?

Come on up. Good to see you again.

MR. STEIN: Good morning, Your Honor. Michael Stein, Bar Number 4760. That's Nevada state bar.

Yes, Your Honor, I do, I represent the jewelry store Jared as well as our firm is arranging to represent some of the witnesses and at some point in time I wanted, if the Court has time to hear, our concern about some of the hardships that are going to be placed on all of these witnesses that have been subpoenaed for the -- to appear at, I believe, 9:00 a.m. on the I'm going to have an entire store of witnesses not be 4th. able to work if they all have to show up at the same time just to hear jury selection and the voir dire and openings.

THE COURT: They won't be and that's obviously one of the issues I do want to discuss today is scheduling of the witnesses, when they need to show up and all that kind of stuff.

> MR. STEIN: Yeah.

So I appreciate that and if, for some THE COURT: reason, it slips my mind, don't let me forget, Mr. Stein.

> MR. STEIN: Okay.

THE COURT: We'll address that issue today.

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MR. DAMM: Your Honor, before we get too far into these proceedings --

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MR. DAMM: -- I'd like to advise the Court of some difficulties that we're having in the U.S. Attorney's Office --

THE COURT: I know you're moving.

MR. DAMM: -- which will necessitate our request for a continuance.

As you probably know, there's a new building just to the south of this courthouse, that's been under construction for I believe about four years. During that time period we've had numerous proposed dates for --

THE COURT: I'm well familiar with of all that. Ιf you need to make a record though, I understand that, but go ahead.

MR. DAMM: -- our move into that building and as a result of that I suppose we -- we became somewhat jaded whenever we heard that there was a new proposed date. Well, as it turns out, it looks like that day for moving has finally arrived and we're actually scheduled to begin the physical move on Friday, this Friday, with the Civil Division, which occupies half of the Fourth Floor of this building, and then the Criminal Division is scheduled to move on Saturday and Sunday and we occupy the Fifth Floor of this building, all of which leads me to the point that this is an extremely disruptive

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process for our office and for us individually. We have probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 employees that will be physically moving as well as all of the accumulated furniture and files that have accumulated over the last 15 years. And perhaps most significantly for us as trial attorneys is that -- that our entire computer system is scheduled to be offline beginning some time Thursday afternoon and is not expected to be up and running again until, at the very earliest, Monday and that . . . that could be potentially problematic, which leaves us with . . . very few options for being able to work between now and next week in terms of a location and in terms of physical support with respect to our computer system, even our offices, and perhaps more importantly our support staff, our victim witness coordinators, our legal assistants. All of that has been disrupted as a result of this So . . . this is all preparatory to my request for a continuance based upon this unusual circumstance. I -- I think we were perhaps overly optimistic in thinking that we could work around the move and still proceed with a trial on the 4th, but it's becoming increasingly clear to me that that is going to put a tremendous strain on not only the trial attorneys, but the other support staff as well. THE COURT: How long of a continuance are you seeking? MR. DAMM: Your Honor, I would ask three weeks,

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beginning -- that we would be available on the week of the 25th of April or the 2nd of May.

THE COURT: I can understand a short continuance, but I'm -- I'm struggling to understand a three-week continuance. If you're going to be down for three or four days, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, I'm not sure how that equates to a three-week continuance.

MR. DAMM: Well, Your Honor . . . I've been involved in -- in two other moves in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the last 27 years and I know, as I've just indicated, the delays that have been occasioned in the construction of this new building. I think it was -- it's probably at least two years beyond when it was originally scheduled to be completed. I don't have any great degree of confidence that our computer systems and our office space and all of the other necessary support mechanism, phones, copy machines -- we're already -copy machines have disappeared from our office space, printers have disappeared. I'm just not sure that -- that we -- we can get -- make that transition and be ready in four or five days.

And I -- I -- I picked those dates also with some consultation with defense counsel, too, who have other conflicts as well. So I'm not -- I'm not just trying to accommodate our schedules, but I'm trying to be conscious of their schedules as well, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

Mr. Wright, you've heard the government's request. I presume you're going to oppose that.

PRO SE WRIGHT: Absolutely, Your Honor. I mean, just as you said, I mean, three, four days shouldn't constitute a three-week continuance, Your Honor. I'm definitely against it.

THE COURT: Okay.

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PRO SE WRIGHT: It's been going on long enough and I just don't see, you know, what's the problem here. I mean, I don't think that will stop them coming in here and presenting they case, so I oppose.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Maningo, anything to add? Although you're standby counsel, I certainly would listen to anything you have to say.

MR. MANINGO: I appreciate the opportunity to have a voice in this. I don't object to the continuance. What the Court wants to do and the reason for the government seem appropriate. Scheduling is my only -- only issue.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. MANINGO: I think you'll recall, Your Honor, last time we tried to reset trials, we had to coordinate with Judge Mahan's department and Judge Mahan had to coordinate I think with your department on trials. I just -- if the Court's considering a three-week continuance, I would just let the Court know that I am set in front of Judge Mahan on the Dominque Wells trial for April 18th and assistant U.S. attorney

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               MR. MANINGO: -- Your Honor, but, the end of . . .
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               THE COURT: Okay. Don't worry, we're not going that
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               MR. MANINGO: Thank you, Your Honor.
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               MR. DAMM: Yes, that's correct, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Tell me why.
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I -- I -- I would think that we -- that five days would be sufficient for our case, Your Honor.

THE COURT: My recollection is last time we were here you told me it was going to be a five-day trial for the government.

MR. DAMM: And I think that's -- that's more realistic, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. And is it still the government's position that they will not attempt or offer any evidence or witnesses to say that Mr. Wright was in the jewelry stores that were robbed?

MR. DAMM: Your Honor, it's the government's position that Mr. Cole was the individual that entered the jewelry stores with the gun and actually obtained the merchandise from the jewelry stores and we have never wavered on that position and we don't intend to suggest in any way that Mr. Wright entered either of the -- or any of the three jewelry stores involved. We maintain that Mr. Wright was directing the activity of Mr. Cole. Mr. Wright and Ms. Perreira was assisting in these robberies, but that neither one of them entered the jewelry stores physically at the time of the robberies.

THE COURT: So there weren't -- you're not going to present any witnesses to say, "I saw him in the store committing the robbery. He was here. He was part of it" or

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               MR. DAMM: We -- there -- there are no witnesses that
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               THE COURT: Thank you. I appreciate that.
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               Mr. Leventhal, if you would too, please.
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               MR. LEVENTHAL: Thank you.
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potential witnesses and what I told him was that to the extent he hoped to -- or hopes to call as witnesses the alleged victims, those people that worked at the jewelry stores, who might testify that they didn't see Mr. Wright at the scene of the crime, that they didn't see him committing the crime, that those issues to me seem irrelevant because the government is not going to take the position that he was at the scene in the jewelry stores, and that he -- the government does not intend to put on any evidence and that the government will admit that he was not at the scene in the jewelry stores and none of these witnesses would see him anyhow.

Based upon that understanding, and the government should correct me if I'm wrong on that, what I suggested to him was that I don't see any relevance to these witnesses because that issue is not a fact issue that would be presented to the jury and that if the government changed its position and put forth evidence that he was there in the store and these victims may have seen him or something like that, then these witnesses may be relevant.

Mr. Damm.

MR. DAMM: Your Honor, we do intend to call a limited number of victims just to establish that there, in fact, was a robbery --

THE COURT: Of course.

MR. DAMM: -- at each one of the stores, but again,

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we don't anticipate any of them to testify that it was Mr. Wright who was actually in the store. So he will have the opportunity, I suppose, if he wishes, to ask them whether or not he was there, subject to any rulings that Your Honor may make.

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We do, however, intend to have some evidence that although Mr. Wright was not -- did not enter the jewelry stores themselves, that he was present at one or more of the robberies in the parking lot adjacent to the jewelry stores.

THE COURT: Okay. And do you have any witnesses who are going to place him in the parking lot?

MR. DAMM: Not victims, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Cole, presumably and other --So none of the victims will put him in the parking lot? okav. MR. DAMM: That's correct.

THE COURT: Obviously the government has to put on evidence to show a robbery occurred, as part of the conspiracy claim and part of the claims -- the charges in the Indictment and Mr. Wright, you certainly have the right to cross-examine those witnesses to say, "In your opinion, you didn't see me, I wasn't there" and all that, but unless the government takes the position that you were in the store, committing these robberies in the store, I don't see the relevance of the victims who would simply confirm that fact because that fact is not an issue.

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I'm not going to quash the subpoenas at this stage because the government's case may change or some witness may say something no one's expecting and that issue may become relevant. So I'm not going to say these folks don't have to show up and testify as of right now. We'll talk about the scheduling, but, at this point I'm not going to release them from their subpoenas and we'll see how the trial develops. But you certainly can cross-examine any witnesses that the government puts on and have them testify, if you'd like, that they didn't see you, you weren't at the scene. Whatever you wanted to do that, you certainly have that opportunity to do that.

Now, while we were -- while I was having a conversation with Mr. Wright outside the presence of every -all the other parties, he raised an issue that he wanted to make another motion.

PRO SE WRIGHT: Absolutely.

THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to give you the opportunity to do that now.

PRO SE WRIGHT: All right.

This is a Motion to Dismiss the Indictment due to the Indictment being invalid and insufficient to accord Petitioner with adequate notice of the charges against me to ensure that the -- this prosecution would proceed on the basis of facts presented to the Grand Jury and the Indictment does not plead

the essential elements of a conspiracy.

The inquiry into the validity of an Indictment must focus upon whether the Indictment provides the substantial safeguards to criminal defendants that Indictments are designed to guarantee. Pursuant to this purpose, an Indictment must furnish the defendant with a sufficient description of the charges against him to prepare his defense, to ensure that the defendant is prosecuted on the basis of facts presented to the Grand Jury to enable him to plead jeopardy against a later prosecution, and to inform the facts alleged so that it can determine the sufficiency of the charges. To perform these functions, the Indictment must set forth the elements of the offense charged and contain a statement of facts and circumstances that will inform the accused of the specific offense with which he is charged. United States vs. Cecil.

In United States vs. Cruikshank it was held that another reason for that requirement, that every ingredient of the offense charged must be clearly and accurately alleged in the Indictment and one sometimes overlooked is to enable the court to decide whether the facts alleged are sufficient in law to withstand a Motion to Dismiss the Indictment or to support a conviction if in the event that one should be had.

United States vs. Lamont.

The sufficiency of an Indictment is measured by two criteria; whether the Indictment contains the elements of the

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offense intended to be charged and sufficiently apprises the defendant of what he must prepare -- I mean, must be prepared to meet, two, and in case any other proceedings are taken against him for a similar offense, whether the record shows with accuracy to what extent he may plead a formal acquittal or conviction. An Indictment that does not properly inform the accused of what charges he is to face leaves the prosecutor to roam at large and shift its theory of criminality so as to take advantage of each passing dissesitude [sic] of a trial.

Russell vs. United States.

It was also held if it lies within the province of the court to change the charging part of an Indictment to suit its own notions of what it ought to have been, it was held that consistent with the Fifth Amendment a trial judge cannot amend the Indictment itself, either by striking or adding material language, or amounting to the latter by permitting a conviction on evidence or theories not fairly embraced in the charge made in the Indictment. To allow this would, in effect, permit a defendant to be put on -- put to trial upon an Indictment found not by a Grand Jury, but by a judge, Russell vs. United States.

It is clear that the government not only is willing to engage in criminal activity to obtain an Indictment and to gain an elicit advantage at trial. It was held in *United*States vs. Bonds, the integrity of the courtroom is so vital to the health of our legal system that no violation of the

integrity, no matter what its motivation, can be conjured or ignored.

THE COURT: And let me interrupt you. That was -the last case was United States vs. who?

PRO SE WRIGHT: Bonds.

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THE COURT: Bonds, B-o-n-d-s?

PRO SE WRIGHT: Yes.

THE COURT: Thank you.

PRO SE WRIGHT: The prosecution is failing to inform the judge of her deception and thereby is usurping the role of the courts and by excusing the prosecutor's unacceptable conduct the court becomes a victim of his duplicity as well as an advocate of the philosophy that a criminal conviction by any means is acceptable. The fact that the government is willing to stipulate that I am not the one who committed these robberies means she's admitting that the Indictment is invalid and perjured and it must be dismissed.

The Indictment reads as follows:

"Conspiracy to Interfere with Commerce by Robbery.

"Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than April 28th, 2014, and continue -- continuing through on -- on or about May 20th, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada, Brian Wright and Daniel Perreira, defendants herein, did agree and conspire together, with others known and unknown, to unlawfully obstruct, delay, and affect commerce as that term

is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, and the movement of articles and commodities in such commerce, by robbery, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951."

THE COURT: Mr. Wright, I'm going -- I'm going to cut I don't want you to read a four-page Indictment into The record -- the Indictment is part of the record the record. of the court record for the Court of Appeals to review. I have it in front me. I'm reading it with you. But I don't want you to read four pages into the record.

PRO SE WRIGHT: All right.

THE COURT: So . . .

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PRO SE WRIGHT: Well, let me go on and get to the end of it then.

THE COURT: Okav.

PRO SE WRIGHT: It is clear here that this Indictment is invalid and insufficient to accord the defendant adequate notice of the charges against me to ensure that this prosecution would proceed on the basis of facts presented to the Grand Jury, which is a due process violation and a Fifth Amendment violation by not being held to answer to an infamous crime unless presented to a Grand Jury. Accordingly, this Indictment must be dismissed. The government has already admitted that I, defendant Wright, did not commit the crimes in the Indictment and the Supreme Court law states that the theory

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cannot be changed from the charges in the Indictment, nor by the prosecutor or the judge, Russell vs. United States.

And it's not -- it's not just the fact that -- it's not the fact that the charges is being -- is being changed, it's the defendants is being changed. It's the suspect, the person that committed this crime. I'm being charged as the one who committed it. It's not -- not an aider and abetter to Cole. It says me and Perreira aided and abetted each other, not Cole.

And -- and -- another docket, too, Your Honor, I believe it's Document No. 83 where the government states I aided -- I brandished a weapon. Well, Mr. Wright -- it states Mr. Wright brandished a weapon or aided and abetted Perreira in her brandishing, or aided and abetted Cole in her brandishing. That's three or four different theories, Your Honor. It's clear that she's not -- she didn't even know what she wanted to -- what's her theory wanted to be. But I do know this: The theory she's saying the government is alleging now is not what was took in front of that Grand Jury or else this Indictment would have said Cole entered them stores and not I did.

THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Frayn? Mr. Damm?

MS. FRAYN: Your Honor, the defendant has raised this very issue a number of times in the pleadings before the Court. The government has explained to the defendant that its theory has not changed. This is simply an additional request to try

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and convince the Court to produce -- force the government to
produce Grand Jury transcripts that are not discoverable at
this point because the government does not intend to call the
case agent in chief who appeared in front of the Grand Jury.
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We have expressed to the Court and to the defendant in many ways, in writing and orally, that the theory of the government's case is that Mr. Cole, himself, went into the jewelry stores and robbed them, aided and abetted by Mr. Wright and Mrs. -- Miss Perreira's conspiracy and their direct participation in the support before and after the facts of these robberies.

PRO SE WRIGHT: Your Honor, if I may one more.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

14 PRO SE WRIGHT: That's not what the Indictment says.

15 She keeps saying the same stuff but that's not what the

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17 THE COURT: I have the Indictment in front of me,

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19 PRO SE WRIGHT: Well, okay. But as long as you --

> THE COURT: I can read it.

21 PR SE WRIGHT: But listen -- one more thing though,

22 Your Honor.

23 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

24 I'm going to need -- I'm going to need a second. Ι

25 got to remember what I was going to say.

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2 PRO SE WRIGHT: Sorry about that.

THE COURT: That's all right.

Ms. Frayn, address for me, if you would, Mr. Wright's argument that the Indictment says that "Wright and Perreira knowingly and intentionally used and carried a firearm." There's a citation to 18 U.S.C. Section 2, which is aiding and abetting, but it doesn't say that they aided and abetted Cole. That's one of his arguments, that the Indictment doesn't say they aided and abetted Cole, rather he aided and abetted Wright and Perreira.

PRO SE WRIGHT: And I remember what I was going to say, too, whenever you done, Your Honor.

(Brief pause in proceedings.)

MS. FRAYN: Your Honor, I'm at a bit of a loss because I didn't bring the Indictment with me so I'm relying on what Mr. Wright and the Court is telling me but, first of all, as the Court is aware and as Mr. Wright has been involved previously, the government does not even have to charge Section 2 expressly on the face of the Indictment. of principal and aider and abetter is available to the government's theory of case whether charged in the Indictment or not. Also, it is an incorrect statement of law for Mr. Wright to say that the four corners of the Indictment have to carry all of the information put before this Court and Mr.

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Essentially Mr. Wright's asking for an oral Bill of Particulars, which the government has satisfied in its numerous factual recitations in its pleadings, it's straightforward setting forth of its setting of the case, and the voluminous amount of discovery it has made available to Mr. Wright and continues to make available.

The fact that Mr. Cole was not indicted in this case is a right that Mr. Cole had to plead guilty by Information and to go forward and testify against Mr. Wright and Ms. Perreira in this case.

THE COURT: I have no problem with that. Does -- the point is, I quess, Mr. Wright's argument that the Indictment against him doesn't mention that he was aiding and abetting Cole.

MS. FRAYN: It doesn't have to mention, Your Honor, that he was aiding and abetting anyone because the government does not have to plead that in the face of the Indictment --

THE COURT: The Indictment --

MS. FRAYN: -- under the case law.

THE COURT: The Indictment says that "Wright and Perreira knowingly, intentionally used and carried a firearm."

MS. FRAYN: And they did, Your Honor. Mr. Wright provided Mr. Cole with the firearms that Mr. Cole took into the robberies and Ms. Perreira took the bag full of jewelry containing the guns and took it away from the robberies.

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THE COURT: Okay. I just wanted to make sure that we're on the same page.

That's the same -- with regard to Count Two and Count Four, the brandishing arguments. Count Three is the Interference with Commerce by Robbery saying that Wright and Perreira obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce. your argument's going to be similar, I presume.

MS. FRAYN: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

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Mr. Leventhal, anything further?

MR. LEVENTHAL: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

THE COURT: Any comment on that?

MR. LEVENTHAL: No.

THE COURT: Mr. Wright, anything further? You said you had -- you recalled your next issue.

PRO SE WRIGHT: Yeah. Again, the government said she don't have to charge Cole which, in fact, she don't have to charge Cole but, again, she does have to mention Cole. Because like I say, the Indictment, I'm going off the charges in the Indictment which is why I filed the witness list as I did, which is why I did everything, you know, accordingly.

Now . . . this is -- the Indictment -- this -- these charges were presented to the Grand Jury to get this Indictment, Your Honor, and by not mentioning Cole one time in this Indictment, and Cole wasn't even indicted, Cole wasn't

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even brought into federal jurisdiction until six, seven months later. So, I mean, as I said before, the government's already made it clear that she's not trying to give me the Grand Jury transcripts. She's actually said in her Motion in Limine that she's basically willing to take any punishment from the Court before she hands them over, Your Honor, and, I mean, it's just obvious here that she's went in front of that Grand Jury and committed some perjury, Your Honor.

Now . . . I'm going to be filing a motion to produce testimony from the Grand Jury hearing also, Your Honor, after you rule on this motion, but as I said before . . . I mean, whether she charges him or not, she does have to mention him, I mean, as I just read -- I mean, as I just stated law in this motion. It has to be clear. The charges has to be -- they have to be clear, Your Honor. I mean, you can't just say, "Oh," and add -- you can't just say me and Perreira is charged with these robberies and then add somebody to it and say and this is the theory. I mean, it's just -- it's not concise. It's not -- I mean, by law, Your Honor, this Indictment must be dismissed.

THE COURT: All right. Well, I've heard the argument and it's similar to arguments that we've heard before and that you've raised in front of the magistrate judge as well as in front of me before. I'm going to deny the motion. You've raised it and if I'm wrong, the Ninth Circuit can reverse me.

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Government believes it needs five days. optimistic it may be shorter than that but we'll see where we go with the trial.

I don't believe that at this stage from what I anticipate coming in to trial, I don't believe that Mr. Wright needs the several witnesses who he subpoenaed. He may need some of them.

Given the United States Attorney's Office move that's coming forth this coming weekend and given the need to ensure continuity of counsel, I'm going to delay the start of the trial one week and we're going to start on April 11th instead of April 4th. And we're going to go the week of April 11th and continuing on April 18th and hopefully finish -- we will finish that week, hopefully early that week, because that should get us through the government's case and to the -- I'm anticipating that Mr. Wright and Ms. Perreira will be able to cross-examine -- obviously they will be able to cross-examine those witnesses that the government calls.

Mr. Leventhal, I haven't heard anything from you in terms of number of witnesses you anticipate calling.

MR. LEVENTHAL: Your Honor, I -- before we get there, I -- I indicated to the Court that I've got a -- I've got to be in Memphis on the 13th. That's already been set up.

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2 THE COURT: You told me on the 25th.

No. The 25th I have a vacation 3 MR. LEVENTHAL: scheduled holiday with my kids. 4

THE COURT: You told me that was the 20th.

MR. LEVENTHAL: The 13th -- Your Honor, I apologize.

The 13th -- if I made a mistake. The 13th I'm in Memphis, 14th, and 15th. The 20th is when I've got the holiday with my kids, 20, 21, 22. So the 25th is when I could start. I -- I could be prepared the 25th or the 2nd. If I misspoke, I

apologize, but the 13th, that's when I'm scheduled for Memphis 11

to take the deposition of a witness in a criminal case who has 12

13 come down with cancer that cannot fly out to his trial and

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Kate Newman is the local U.S. attorney. I don't know if she's 16

going to be attending, but, that's -- I apologize. I -- I 17

18 wrote it down the 13th, Memphis, and the 20th is the vacation.

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20 about my vacation, but the 13th, that would be somewhat

21 difficult because I've got Department of Justice attorneys that

22 have already planned this as well as the witness in that case.

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THE COURT: Mr. Maningo, who is your trial with in 2 3 state court on Starr? Who is that judge?

MR. MANINGO: It's Judge Kephart, Your Honor, Department 19.

THE COURT: How long is the Wells trial anticipated to go, Mr. Maningo?

MR. MANINGO: Five days, Your Honor, was what was represented to the Court.

I've learned in the Starr case that one of the attorneys for a co-defendant has filed an appeal and a request for stay. I believe that's been denied by the Court at this point but, there's a chance that . . . the case might be stayed or continued. But right now we're still set.

THE COURT: Well, the state court judges were scheduled to be at the same conference that I was planning to attend the week of April 26th. I don't know if Judge Kephart was planning to skip that or not, but it looks like I'll be skipping that.

MR. MANINGO: I'm not sure, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Maybe I'll take -- since I'm going to be here at trial, maybe he'll get to go. I'm take his thanks later.

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That's okay with the government? My recollection was 2 3 that was the date you suggested?

MR. DAMM: Yes, correct, Your Honor. Thank you.

THE COURT: And that works for Mr. Leventhal?

MR. LEVENTHAL: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I'll have to talk to Judge Mahan about Wells and see if -- what he wants to do about that. But since you're standby counsel on this trial, and Mr. Wright wants to go to trial right away, it looks like the week of the 25th is the best we're going to do, continuing into the week of May 2nd for a few days.

Anybody wish to be heard on scheduling it to start April 25th, go the entire week of April 25th, continuing into the week of May 2nd for a few days that week?

Government's okay. Mr. Leventhal said he's okay. Mr. Maningo, we've talked about your issues. Mr. Wright, I know your preference is to go quickly but, that's a three-week delay from what we were anticipating.

You said you anticipate filing a motion. give you time to file this additional motion if there is any and . . .

PRO SE WRIGHT: I mean, I rather -- yeah, that's cool. That's cool. I can file it.

25 THE COURT: All right. We're going to go to trial

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               (Discussion between the Court and clerk.)
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               MR. LEVENTHAL: That would be fine.
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               THE COURT: April 19th Calendar Call, 9:00 a.m., and
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               PRO SE WRIGHT: Your Honor, if I may?
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five Calendar Calls for one trial. I mean, is that necessary?

THE COURT: Well, typically I have a Calendar Call the week before trial just to give everybody a chance to come in and see if there's any other moving parts that we need to nail down and to rule on any pending motions that are still unresolved. If you're going to file a motion, then I'd like to have this hearing so that I can give you a ruling on the motion or I can just issue a written order if you don't want to argue

Does either -- well, let me ask. Does anybody feel the need to have a further Calendar Call? I mean, it's more of a convenience to have everybody together to nail down any final issues, but if everybody wants to waive it, fine with me.

it. So, it's up to you if you're going to file a motion.

MR. DAMM: Your Honor, I've always found Calendar Calls to be helpful to everybody.

THE COURT: To address issues like this. Much as I don't want to give everybody another opportunity to raise more issues.

Let's set it for the 19th at 9 o'clock and if there's any pending issues, we'll resolve them. If not, it will be a short hearing. So 9 o'clock on the 19th of April.

PRO SE WRIGHT: But for the record, Your Honor, I oppose any continuance. I want to let it be known. I'm not okaying none of this. I was ready for trial Monday.

THE COURT: I appreciate that and I understand that

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and that's why I'm trying to squeeze this in as short a period as I can.

All right. There are some pending Motions in Limine. I have not received an opposition yet from any of the defendants. If you want to file an opposition to any of the Motions in Limine, I will hold off ruling on these and we can address it at Calendar Call on the 19th. If you want to just address them now, I'm prepared to address them now so that you can all be prepared to get ready for trial. It just depends --Mr. Leventhal, do you anticipate filing any oppositions to the Motions in Limine? They weren't really directed at you so much, I think, but they certainly would impact you.

MR. LEVENTHAL: They would and not at this time, Your Honor. And the Court inquired as to how many witnesses. We may be calling one, maybe two very short witnesses.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you for that.

MR. LEVENTHAL: And that would be it.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Mr. Wright, do you want to take some time and file a written opposition to the Motions in Limine and I'll delay ruling on these until the 19th when we're all here or I can rule on them now?

PRO SE WRIGHT: I already have, Your Honor. Ι already responded. Should be here today or tomorrow.

25 THE COURT: Okay. So I haven't received that yet.

So you have filed something. Do you want me to wait then to read that before I rule on these?

PRO SE WRIGHT: Yes, I do.

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THE COURT: Okay. Then I will hold off on ruling on the Motions in Limine and we'll address those at the Calendar Call on the 19th. If anybody wants to file a reply, get that in right away.

Mr. Stein, with regard to your clients, as I have ruled, my anticipation is most of your clients that have been subpoenaed, if any, by Mr. Wright, probably are not going to be necessary. Now, I don't know if the government intends to call any of your witnesses as victims and to testify. I'll leave that to you to talk to the government about that. With regard to those of your witnesses who have been subpoenaed, I'm not going to quash the subpoenas yet because I -- there is a possibility that they become relevant. As I sit here today, they don't appear to me to be relevant. They don't need to show up on the first day of trial because even if they become relevant, it won't be until later in the trial. So my recommendation is, unless anybody's going to disagree, I will tell these -- tell Mr. Stein to instruct his witnesses they don't need to show up on the first day of trial; that I would have Mr. Stein contact the U.S. Attorney's Office for an update on how the trial is going and when they anticipate needing them and then Mr. Stein, you can come into court and chat with me

here in open court in front of everybody to see -- you know, I would say maybe Wednesday or Thursday of that week to see if your witnesses have become relevant for some reason. way they don't have to show up. You don't have to shut the store down obviously and everything else.

Does that work for you?

MR. STEIN: Yes. That would be fantastic. you, Your Honor. And I will speak with the AUSA's office and work out which witnesses they need for their case-in-chief.

> THE COURT: Okay.

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And certainly, you know, they have to --MR. STEIN: they've been subpoenaed and we'll make them available but, with respect to any other witnesses that may come up, I'll come back on that Wednesday, and certainly will be coordinating with And I will also ask the standby counsel if I could get a them. list of the witnesses that the defendant subpoenaed so that I know who they are and I can -- when I come back to court, I can speak about them intelligently and not be ignorant about the --

MR. STEIN: -- the population of witnesses out there. THE COURT: Yeah. And I'm not sure all of them are yours because we did have a different jewelry store also that was involved so not all of the subpoenaed witnesses would be your clients.

MR. STEIN: Right.

THE COURT:

Okay.

1 THE COURT: But for those of yours -- those of yours 2 that are, certainly check in with -- kind of figure out where we are in the trial and we'll have a better idea whether 3 they're going to be relevant or not but I anticipate we 4 5 wouldn't need them until the second week, the week of May 2nd. 6 I don't know that it's going to go fast enough, but it's 7 possible late in the first week. 8 MR. STEIN: Thank you, Your Honor. Thank you, Mr. Stein. It's good seeing 9 THE COURT: 10 you again. 11 All right. MR. MANINGO: Your Honor, just one last thing. 12 13 THE COURT: Yes. Sure. Mr. Maningo. 14 MR. MANINGO: Should I be communicating with 15 Department 19 in state court or will Your Honor? THE COURT: I -- I suggest you do and tell them that 16 I've just set a trial on the 25th. If they want to chat with 17 18 me to confirm, I'm happy to talk with them. You can explain to 19 them it was out of your control, you did your best, but that I 20 have scheduled this on the 25th, that if they want -- like I 21 said, if they want to chat, they can certainly call me. 22 MR. MANINGO: Very good. 23 THE COURT: And I recommend you talk to Mr. Smith and 24 I'll put a note down to Judge Mahan as well about Wells and 25 you'll have to figure out if you can squeeze Wells in before

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Thank you, Your Honor. MR. MANINGO:

THE COURT: And if there's any -- like I said, any problem over in Department 19, have Judge Kephart or his office contact my staff and we'll --

MR. MANINGO: I appreciate that.

THE COURT: No worries.

All right. So I'm going to hold off ruling on the Motions in Limine.

And let me kind of throw out just my initial thoughts on at least courtroom procedure and decorum so you can all think about this and address it if you need to. But my -- my at least initial inclination is we're going to have all the tables skirted; that I will have all lawyers and Mr. Wright conduct examinations from the tables where they're at, direct and cross-examinations, give opening and closing statements from the tables.

As I sit here, I don't anticipate having Mr. Wright restrained or shackled in any way during trial. I haven't seen outbursts or any reason at this point to have him restrained during trial, so that's my anticipation is to not do that. Obviously if -- if anybody gets out of hand, I'll take appropriate measures at that point. But I will have everyone conduct examinations from the tables and we'll put skirts up from the beginning.

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Your Honor, I was just going to ask MR. DAMM: whether or not you would expect us to stand or to remain seated.

THE COURT: I think I'll have you stand -- oh, you can be seated during the examination, sure, that's fine. don't have any problem anybody being seated. That way our microphones pick you up better and it's easier to work from table so . . . And I'll instruct the jury not to be offended, that I've just told everybody to sit down for various reasons and I'll make sure no one's --

MR. DAMM: Boy, that's going to be a hard habit to break, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I understand. And I'll think about that. If the parties prefer to stand to conduct it, then I'll certainly give that some thought. If, Mr. Wright, you're comfortable standing and doing your exams all standing, I'll give that some thought as well.

MR. DAMM: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And if anybody needs to put something on the projector or hand an exhibit -- I'll have exhibit books up here for the witnesses. If you need to hand something up or put it on the projector, I'll have my court staff run the documents back and forth. That way we don't have a lot of extraneous movement in the courtroom.

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1 MS. FRAYN: Your Honor, may I speak with Mr. Damm for 2 one second?

> THE COURT: Absolutely. Yeah. Go ahead.

(Discussion between Government counsel.)

MR. DAMM: Thank you. We just -- we've got a -- a potential witness issue with the scheduled trial date but, I think we'll try and . . . given the complexities of picking a date, I think we'll try and work around it, Your Honor.

THE COURT: That would be great. And if we need to take somebody out of order, we'll do that to ensure at least we can get the trial going. If we need to take a witness out of order, we'll instruct the jury we're doing it out of order, something like that.

MR. DAMM: Very well. Thank you.

THE COURT: And I'm -- with regard to standing or sitting at table, standing is probably going to be fine as long as we can hear your voices on the microphones. So, that shouldn't be an issue. And we'll talk about some additional details at Calendar Call and when I rule on the pending Motions in Limine but I at least wanted to give you some thoughts. That's my initial thinking as of right now.

I know there was some question about whether or not any of the defendants would be restrained or shackled. on the case law, I can't do that and won't do it unless there's compelling reason to do so and at this stage I don't have

1 compelling reason to restrain or shackle any of the defendants 2 so I'm not going to do that at this stage.

All right. We've covered a lot of ground. Is there anything else I need to address today for the parties?

MR. MANINGO: No, Your Honor.

MR. DAMM: Nothing further on behalf of the United States, Your Honor.

> MR. LEVENTHAL: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. Then I hope that we've got the last scheduling issue we have and everybody's going to be good to go and good luck with the move and the re-igniting of computers and everything else.

And Mr. Wright, I'll look for your motion, if you're going to file one. I'll certainly look for the opposition to the pending motions.

16 With that -- Mr. Wright, anything further from you?

PRO SE WRIGHT: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. We're in recess on this matter. Thank you all for your patience.

MR. MANINGO: Thank you, Your Honor.

Thank you, Your Honor. MR. DAMM:

THE COURT: Off the record.

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